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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PFOR, NU, US

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FY 1974 MAP - NICARAGUA

REF: MANAGUA 498

1. REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAP GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM AND INCREASING REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMBODIA NECESSITATED WORLD-WIDE DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF GRANT LEVELS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ITEMS IN COUNTRY PROGRAMS, THOUGH IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT LOWER LEVELS WOULD REQUIRE RESTRUCTURING OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS.

2. IN ADDITION, THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973 REQUIRES THAT ACTUAL VALUE OF EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES (EDA) GENERATED IN THE UNITED STATES BE CHARGED AGAINST COUNTRY MAP MATERIEL ALLOCATIONS. THIS CHANGE WILL RESULT IN UNFORESEEN ADDITIONAL CHARGES AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GON. THE IMPACT OF EDA CHARGES IS UNDER STUDY AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL TO AFFECTED POSTS.

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3. WITH THE DOWNWARD TREND IN LATIN AMERICAN MAP MATERIEL APPROPRIATIONS IT APPEARS DOUBTFUL US WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE HIGH COST, NEW PROCUREMENT ITEMS AS PART OF GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM IN FUTURE YEARS. AS PART OF A SHIFT FROM GRANT MATERIEL TO FMS, WE WILL SEEK APPROPRIATIONS FOR FMS CREDIT IN FY 1975 FOR NICARAGUA TO SUPPLEMENT THE MAP

MATERIEL PROGRAM. WE HOPE THIS COMBINATION WILL ENABLE THE GON TO MEET ITS MOST URGENT NEEDS.

4. SHOULD THE GON CONTINUE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING UH-1H HELICOPTERS, THE USG WOULD ATTEMPT TO SUPPORT THAT ACQUISITION, AND WOULD CONSIDER PROGRAMMING MAP TRAINING FOR FLIGHT AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL. PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS COULD BE MADE THROUGH EITHER COMMERCIAL OR FMS CHANNELS. AN FMS CASH PURCHASE WOULD BE APPROVED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER, AN FMS CREDIT TRANSACTION WOULD DEPEND UPON CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF, AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH ALLOCATION OF, SUFFICIENT FUNDS. CASEY

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